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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1896.

The General Conference of 1896, held at Eagle Lake, Ind., opened Thursday, August 27, at 2 P. M. and closed Tuesday afternoon, September 1, being in session six days including Sabbath. Following is the organization of the present Conference: Moderator, J. C. Mackey, Meyersdale, Pa.; Vice Moderator, J. M. Tombaugh, Washington C. H., Ohio; Secretary, J. L. Gillin, Hudson, Iowa; Assistant Secretary, J. C. Beal, Ankneytown, Ohio; Treasurer, John Keim, Louisville, Ohio. An epitome of the proceedings of the Conference will not be out of place here.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The Brethren Book and Tract Committee made its financial and editorial report, a synopsis of which is found on another page. At the suggestion of the Committee, a new Board was elected, to be the legal successors to the Brethren Book and Tract Committee and operating under the same charter. The Board now consists of the following members:

J. C. Cassel,	elected for 5 years.
J. M. Tombaugh,	elected for 4 years.
J. C. Mackey,	" " 3 "
J. O. Talley,	" " 2 "
G. W. Rench,	" " 1 year.

The Board organized by electing J. M. Tombaugh, President, and J. C. Cassel, Secretary, Treasurer and general Manager. The editors of the various lines of literature are ex-officio members of the Board. The name of the corporation now is, Brethren Publishing Board, and all business matter is to be addressed, and money made payable to Brethren Publication Board, Ashland, Ohio, or to A. B. Gnagey, who is the authorized agent of the Board and acts in place of the Secretary and Treasurer, J. C. Cassel. All matter intended for publication may be addressed, either BRETHREN EVANGELIST, or A. D. Gnagey, Ashland, Ohio. By this arrangement the Editor is relieved from all financial responsibility, which in an office like this is accompanied, with more or less embarrassment that unfits

one for satisfactory literary work. The financial management is in the hands of the Board, which does business through its regularly elected officers and their agent.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

The Ashland University Finance Committee made its report which shows that of the \$10,000 apportioned among the different churches, about \$6,500 has been provided for, leaving \$3,500 to raise. This is a very small amount to raise and the request of the Conference should be complied with, without delay. At the suggestion of the Committee the decision of last Conference, referred to the apportionment plan, was reaffirming, and Jan. 1, 1897, fixed as the day for the opening of the school. Churches that have not yet raised their quota should do so at once, that the institution may be free from all indebtedness January 1, 1897.

KING'S CHILDREN WORK.

The report of the King's Children Society is very commendable and the outlook quite encouraging. The old board of officers was reelected, J. O. Talley, President; Emma K. Lichty, Treasurer, Mary A. Metzgar, Secretary. The Society will direct its efforts more especially along the line of missionary work. The King's Children paper, will hereafter be issued as an eight page paper, double its former size. The price remains the same as before, 25 cents a year. We have reasons to expect great things from the Young People's Society of the Brethren Church.

MISSION WORK.

The Conference, from beginning to end, was on fire with the missionary spirit. The former Mission Board was reelected—Dr. Roop, of Chicago, President; J. D. McFaden, of Carleton, Nebraska, Secretary; David Augustine, of South Bend, Ind., Treasurer. The Conference recommends that the local Mission Boards of the various Districts cooperate with the National Mission Board, and that 12½ per cent of the Missionary money collected by the Districts, be paid into the treasury of the National Mission Board.

The Mission in Washington D. C. received substantial encouragement and the work in Dayton will also be started soon. Special efforts, however, were directed to the establishment of a mission in Chicago. Rev. J. D. McFaden, was, by prayer and laying on of hands, set aside for the special work in the city of Chicago. The work begins there November 1, 1896.

Nearly \$2000 were raised at the Conference for National Mission work. To encourage and develop the missionary spirit, a Board of three members was elected to outline a course of reading on Missions for Young people. C. F. Yoder was elected secretary of the Board, with instructions to organize Reading Circles wherever practicable.

THE SISTER'S S. C. E.

One of the most interesting sessions of the Conference, was the Sister's session. The report of the Sister's work is most encouraging, having supported the Theological Chair in the University and besides have a handsome sum of money on hand for Missions, for Orphan's Home and several other purposes. Laura E. N. Grossnickle, President of the Society, in her travels, solicited names which, with her own hand, she inscribed on a quilt, and which at the small sum of ten cents each, netted her about \$275. Without her knowledge, the sisters, through some one, purchased the quilt and presented the same to sister Grossnickle, as an expression of their appreciation of her faithful service.

EVENING AND SABBATH SERVICES.

The evening hours were taken up with song, praise and preaching services as follows:

1. Wednesday evening, Sermon, by J. L. Gillin.
 2. Thursday evening, The Annual Sermon by the Moderator.
 3. Friday evening, Sermon, on the Holy Ghost, by I. D. Bowman.
 4. Saturday evening. Addresses by J. C. Cassel and J. D. McFaden.
 5. Sabbath morning. Sabbath School—conducted by A. D. Gnagey. Sermon by J. M. Tombaugh.
 6. Sabbath afternoon, the Conference listened to a sermon by Dean Peck, of Denver, Col., which was greatly appreciated by all present. After the sermon, \$1700 were raised for Missionary purposes.
 7. Sabbath evening. Sermon by Dr. Duncan McGregor.
 8. Monday evening. Sermon by Dr. J. C. Mackey.
 9. Tuesday evening was given to the young people. Addresses were delivered by I. D. Bowman and J. C. Cassel.
- Sunset prayer and song services were held on the hillside of the park. Each morning, early song and praise services were held in the Auditorium.